

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 17-18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A. Fig. 5 is a transverse cross sectional view of the catheter system of Fig. 4, taken along lines 5-5.

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 10-12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A2 Fig. 10 illustrates the catheter transverse cross sectional view shown in Fig. 9 after the tool of Fig. 3 is removed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 9, without prejudice.

Please add new claim 23, as follows.

Please amend claims 1-8, and 10-13:

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1. (Amended) A balloon catheter, comprising:
    - an elongated shaft with proximal and distal shaft sections and an inflation lumen extending therein;
    - an inflatable balloon on the distal shaft section and in surrounding relation thereto having proximal and distal ends, an intermediate section longitudinally disposed between the balloon proximal and distal ends, and an interior chamber in fluid communication with the inflation lumen; and